

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ADP-00 SS-15 NSC-10 CAB-09 CIAE-00

COME-00 DODE-00 EB-11 INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 FAA-00

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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2603

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

SECDEF WASHDC

CJCS WASHDC

CINCPAC

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 8510

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, PINT, CB

SUBJECT: AIR TRAFFIC

REF: A. STATE 160802 (NOTAL)

B. PHNOM PENH 8310

1. FOUR INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS CONTINUE OPERATIONS TO AND FROM POCHENTONG: AIR CAMBODGE, AIR VIETNAM, ROYAL AIR LAO, AND UTA. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT ANY OF THESE CARRIERS ARE CONSIDERING INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS. AIR CAMBODGE HAS PUT ON TWO EXTRA FLIGHTS FOR ITS CARAVELLE PER WEEK TO OFFSET THE CANCELLATION OF AIR FRANCE FLIGHTS.

2. FOLLOWING IS NOFORN. FRENCH CHARGE SERRE TELLS US THAT CANCELLATION OF AIR FRANCE FLIGHTS TO PHNOM PENH WAS PROBABLY TRIGGERED BY LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE VILLIERS HIMSELF WHO CLUMSILY VOLUNTEERED TO HEAD-  
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QUARTERS A WEEK AGO THAT HE COULD NOT ASSURE THAT

SERVICE TO PHNOM PENH WOULD MEET THE STANDARD SECURITY  
CRITERIA WRITTEN INTO HIS REGULATIONS. AS REPORTED  
EARLIER (PHNOM PENH 8310) VILLIERS IS SCRAMBLING NOW  
TO PUT TOGETHER THE BEST CASE HE CAN TO OVERCOME  
MANAGEMENT'S ACTION. MEANWHILE THE FRENCH COMMUNITY  
HAS REACTED VERY SHARPLY TO THE CANCELLATION OF AIR  
FRANCE FLIGHTS (SERRE SAYS THAT IT IS A "MAJOR BLOW  
TO THE MORALE") AND THE FRENCH MISSION HERE HAS BEEN  
PUSHING HARD FOR REINSTATEMENT BY THE END OF THE WEEK.  
SWANK

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